Growth of foodgrain and nonfoodgrain crops

795. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the slowing down of agricultural production is one of the reasons for the present buoyancy in prices;

(b) if so, the steps taken to increase the agricultural production; and

(c) if so, the details thereof including production and rate of growth of foodgrain crops and non foodgrain crops for the last three years, year-wise, crop-wise foodgrain-wise, non foodgrain-wise, category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) Except Gram, Rapeseed & Mustard and Sugarcane, the production of all other major agricultural crops during 2007-08 (Fourth advance estimates) has been higher than their production during 2006-07. However, besides production, the prices of agricultural commodities also depend on other factors like international prices and import/export of these commodities, etc.

(b) It is envisaged to bring additional area under different crops during rabi 2008-09 which would compensate for the loss in production during kharif 2008-09. To increase the production of rice, wheat and coarse cereals in the country, the Integrated Cereals Development Programme (ICDP) in rice, wheat and coarse cereals based cropping systems have been under implementation since October 2000. To increase the production of oilseeds, pulses and maize, a centrally sponsored "Integrated Scheme on Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize" (ISOPOM) is under implementation with effect from 01.04.2004 in 14 major pulses growing States in the country. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation seed, distribution of seed minikits, infrastructure development, block demonstrations on improved technology, integrated pest management, weedicides, distribution of sprinkler sets and farmers' training for increasing production and productivity of pulses.

In order to further increase the production of rice, wheat and pulses, the Government has launched National Food Security Mission (NFSM) from Rabi 2007-08. The NFSM aims at increasing the production of rice by 10 million tonnes, wheat by 8 million tonnes and pulses by 2 million tonnes in the targeted districts of the country, by the end of the Eleventh Plan *i.e.* 2011-2012.

(c) Table below gives the crop-wise and category-wise production and rate of growth of foodgrains and non-foodgrains during the last three years, *i.e.,* during 2005-06 to 2007-08:

Crop	Production ('000 Tonnes)			Growth Rate (%)	
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08*	Col. 3 over Col. 2	Col. 4 over Col. 3
1	2	3	4	5	6
Rice	91793.4	93355.3	96431.0	1.7	3.3
Wheat	69354.5	75806.7	78401.0	9.3	3.4
Jowar	7629.6	7150.8	7778.0	-6.3	8.8

1	2	3	4	5	6
Bajra	7684.0	8423.7	9792.0	9.6	16.2
Maize	14709.9	15097.0	19310.0	2.6	27.9
Coarse Cereals	34069.3	33922.6	40725.0	-0.4	20.1
Tur	2738.0	2314.1	3091.0	-15.5	33.6
Gram	5599.9	6333.7	5910.0	13.1	-6.7
Pulses	13384.4	14197.5	15112.0	6.1	6.4
Foodgrains	208601.6	217282.1	230670.0	4.2	6.2
Groundnut	7993.3	4863.5	9363.0	-39.2	92.5
Rapeseed & Mustard	8131.2	7437.8	5803.0	-8.5	-22.0
Soyabean	8273.5	8850.8	9986.0	7.0	12.8
Oilseeds	27977.9	24289.4	28826.0	-13.2	18.7
Sugarcane	281171.8	355519.7	340557.0	26.4	-4.2
Cotton #	18499.0	22631.8	25806.0	22.3	14.0

* Fourth advance estimates released on 09.07.2008

In '000 bales of 170 kg each.

Per capita availability of milk

†796. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of milk in the country is 120 million tonnes;

(b) if so, the fact in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the per capita availability of milk is 246 gm despite the huge production of milk, whereas per capita average at world level is 285 gm;

(d) if not, the facts in this regard; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that the export of milk products from the country has increased constantly during the past years despite of less per capita availability of milk; if so, the annual growth rate in the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The estimated milk production in the country during the year 2006-2007 is 100.9 million tonnes.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.